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Dear Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
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	B1	FR 2 722 088	01/22/1996	CAHLIK MARC ANDRE	N
	B2	FR 2 799 640	04/20/2001	SPINE NEXT	N
	B3	FR 2 811 540	01/18/2002	SPINE NEXT	N
	B4	FR 2 818 530	06/28/2002	SPINE NEXT	N

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